## **ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**



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HB 2616: mask mandates; minors; parental consent Sponsor: Representative Chaplik, LD 23
Committee on Government & Elections

## Overview

Prohibits this state from requiring a person under 18 years of age to wear a face covering or mask without the express consent of the person's parent or guardian.

## <u>History</u>

<u>Coronaviruses</u> are a family of viruses that can cause illnesses such as the common cold, severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) and Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS). A *novel coronavirus* is a new coronavirus that has not been previously identified. The novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), has caused a worldwide pandemic of respiratory illness called COVID-19.

## **Provisions**

- 1. Prohibits this state, any political subdivision, governmental entity, school district or any charter school from requiring that a face covering or mask be worn by a person under the age of 18 without the express consent of the person's parent or guardian. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Specifies that a business in this state is not required to enforce on its patrons a face covering mandate. (Sec. 2)
- 3. Stipulates that a business in this state is not authorized to require a face covering or mask to be worn by a person under the age of 18 without the express consent of the person's parent or guardian. (Sec. 2)

☐ Prop 105 (45 votes)	☐ Prop 108 (40 votes)	☐ Emergency (40 votes)	☐ Fiscal Note